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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
ON COAL MINE WORKERS'COMPENSATION

REF: STATE 181302

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INTERIM REPLY TO THE QUESTIONS  
POSED IN REFTEL FROM THE FRG MINISTRY OF LABOR AS WELL  
AS GERMAN PUBLICATIONS ON THIS PROBLEM AREA.

2. THE MINISTRY COMMENTS THAT THE SIGNIFICANT DECLINE  
IN SILICOSIS CASES IN THE FRG IS DUE NOT ONLY TO  
STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN TERMS OF DECREASING EMPLOYMENT  
LEVELS IN THE COAL INDUSTRY, BUT ALSO TO TARGETED  
TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEALTH MEASURES. ABOUT 1,000  
(0.5 PERCENT) OF THE 220,000 COAL MINERS EMPLOYED IN  
THE FRG FILE CLAIMS ANNUALLY FOR COMPENSATION ALLEGING  
DISABILITY DUE TO SILICOSIS OR SILICO TUBERCULOSIS. AN  
AVERAGE ANNUAL DISABILITY PENSION BENEFIT OF DM 6,000  
IS PAID FOR EACH CERTIFIED CASE OF SILICOSIS. IN 1974,  
APPROXIMATELY 72,000 SILICOSIS CLAIMS (AS COMPARED TO  
75,900 IN 1970) WERE PAID IN THE COAL MINING SECTOR,  
WITH ABOUT HALF OF THESE CASES INVOLVING PENSIONS TO  
WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINERS.

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3. THE EMBASSY HAS AIR POUCHED MATERIAL FURNISHED BY  
THE MINISTRY OF LABOR TO GERALD P. HOLMES, ILAB.  
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